

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The
New Jersey Maritime Pilot and Docking Commission
January 17, 2017**

The regular meeting of the New Jersey Maritime Pilot and Docking Pilot Commission was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at One Penn Plaza East, Board Room, Newark, NJ 07105.

Commissioner Dacey called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM.

Open Public Meeting Statement

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Commissioner Timothy J. Dacey (present) ; Commissioner Brian McEwing (present) ; Commissioner Jacob Shisha (present); Commissioner Charles Wowkanech (absent).

Approval of Election Officers

Ms. Stuckey stated that she received Commissioner Wowkanech's proxy to nominate Commissioner Timothy Dacey, President, Commissioner Brian McEwing, Vice President, Commissioner Charles Wowkanech, Treasurer and Commissioner Jacob Shisha, Secretary.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shisha and seconded by Commissioner McEwing to accept the nominations. All voted in favor.

Committee Appointments

Commissioner Dacey pointed out that in addition to the regular committee appointments pursuant to E.O 122 an Evaluation Committee was added. The Executive order calls for a third Committee member that is not on the Commission. Ms. Stuckey informed Thomas Huth, Assistant Counsel, Authorities Unit that in the past, representatives from his office would participate

in Committee meetings, and asked if he would be willing to be the third member of the Committee. He expressed his willingness to do so.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shisha and seconded by Commissioner McEwing to approve the Committee appointments. All voted in favor.

Approval of the December 20, 2016 regular meeting minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Shisha and seconded by Commissioner McEwing to approve the December 20, 2016 meeting minutes. All voted in favor.

Resolution #17-01 to approve the January 2017 Treasurers Report

A motion was made by Commissioner Shisha and seconded by Commissioner McEwing to pass Resolution #17-01 to approve the January 2017 Treasurers Report. All voted in favor.

Executive Director's Report

- A. Update on regulations - The comment period closes on January 20, 2017. No comments have been received. If no comments are received by the expiration date, Ms. Stuckey will send them to the Rules Office for final approval on January 23, 2017. The new expiration date for the Commission's regulations has been extended to May 9, 2017.
- B. FY 2016 Audit - The auditor was hoping to get the audit completed and meet with the Audit Committee prior to today's meeting, however he had to travel to Nigeria to take care of the arrangements for his sister's funeral. He has advised Ms. Stuckey that he will be back in time to complete the audit and meet with the Committee before the February 21, 2017 meeting.
- C. Hudson River Update - There has been no transport jobs since the Commission's last meeting.
- D. Harbor Ops - The next Harbor Ops meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2017, which will be followed by an Oil Terminal Roundtable meeting. Ms. Stuckey plans to attend both meetings.

- E. Board Administrator Search - The ad has been published in the Star Ledger and posted on the Commission's website. The closing date for submission of resumes is January 20, 2017. Ms. Stuckey's hopes to have a recommendation for the Commission at the February 21, 2017 meeting.
- F. FY 16 Annual Report - Ms. Stuckey has begun to collect information to work on the FY16 annual report. The focus of the report will be moving forward. Ms. Stuckey will highlight a lot of the accomplishments that occurred within the port, like the completion of the 50ft channel, the rejuvenation of fleet week and the Bayonne Bridge progress. Ms. Stuckey will also highlight the historic vessels that visited the port this year. She has reached out to different people to write articles. Captain Basciano is going to write an article on the John Brown. Captain Clark, will write an article on his experiences in completing investigations. Each of the Association presidents will write an article and there will be a tribute to retired Commissioner Richard Amster. She will also highlight a pilot in each issue. This year's nominee will be Captain Elizabeth Miller, the first full branch female pilot.
- G. The Sandy Hook Pilots have hired Christopher Maglin to take on some of the work that has been completed by Commander Jack Olthius, who is retiring in February. Captain Richard Shoenlank will formally introduce Christopher Maglin. Ms. Stuckey informed the Commission that Jack Olthuis will be attending the February 21, 2017 regular meeting. She is in the process of preparing a resolution for the Commission to present to him in the form of a plaque.
- H. Ms. Stuckey informed the Commission that she is scheduled to travel to MITAGS to observe the simulation exercises on February 21-23, 2017.
- I. Articles of Interest :
- The Port Authority regarding the initiation of the appoint system at Global Container Terminal in Bayonne
 - The Port Authority regarding the draft of a 3.2 billion dollar 10 year capitals plan.
 - The Maritime Executive about a pilot program being initiated by the port of Singapore to test self-driving trucks as an answer to the truck driver

shortage. Ms. Stuckey sits on the board of the Association of Bi-State Motor carriers and they are going to watch this program closely and if it works, they will initiate steps to implement the same program in this port.

Public Comment (s)

Comment from Captain Robert Flannery, Captain, Metro Pilots Association:

Captain Flannery informed the Commission that the draft for Global New Jersey has been set at 50 feet. It was previously 42 feet at low water and 49 feet at high water.

The contractors for the Bayonne Bridge have begun to remove the old roadway. They have placed a barge under the section that is being removed. The pilots will meet with the Port Authority to discuss parameters because the current situation is affecting traffic.

The parameters set for the ULCV's are in draft form. All pilots are scheduled to participate in the simulation exercises. Once the simulation exercises are complete, parameters will be established.

Comment from Richard Schoenlank, President, Sandy Hook Pilots Association:

Captain Schoenlank introduced Christopher Maglin, the new Operations Director.

Comments from Christopher Maglin, Operations Director, Sandy Hook Pilots Association:

Christopher Maglin gave the Commission a brief summary of his background.

Comment from Richard Schoenlank, President, Sandy Hook Pilots Association:

Captain Schoenlank informed the Commission that the Army Corp. released survey's that was taken last spring. The survey's revealed that Shoaling at Ward Point Bend has grown significantly over the past year.

Captain Schoenlank reported the results of the Sandy Hook elections. Captain Jon Oldmixon is the New Jersey President, Captain Ed Sweeney is the Vice President, Captain Brendon Foley is the Secretary and Captain Paul Klein is the Treasurer.

He announced his retirement and expressed how the great working relationship with the Commission and its staff, made things easier for him and he will miss them.

Comment from Robert Flannery, Captain, Metro Pilots Association:

Captain Flannery expressed his gratitude towards Captain Schoenlank.

Sandy Hook Training Grant

Commander Jack Olthius last project before his retirement is to set up the training session for Maritime Pilot apprentices at the Maritime Pilots Institute. The apprentices usually attend right before they become Deputy Pilots. He has been able to secure space for the week of March 27, 2017. Commissioner Dacey pointed out that funds for training were already in the Commission's budget. Ms. Stuckey advised that as in the past, the Commission does not need to approve the grant via resolution, but make a recommendation that she proceed. She has been advised to work with Commander Olthius to set up the training.

Committee Report

- A. Docking Pilot Apprentice Selection Committee: There were 6 applications received. The Committee will meet immediately following today's Board Meeting to select which applicants to interview and set interview dates.
- B. Investigation Committee:
 - I. Hoegh Trident - Will be discussed in Executive Session
 - II. Atlantic Sea - The Commissioners reviewed the facts regarding the Atlantic Sea at the December 20th meeting. Based on the information in the report, Ms. Stuckey was advised to prepare an Opinion and Order outlining sanctions for the pilot. The Commissioners reviewed the Opinion and Order.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shisha and seconded by Commissioner McEwing to approve the Opinion and Order in the matter of the Atlantic Sea. All voted in favor.
 - III. MSC Roma - This incident is still under investigation.
 - IV. MSC Aniello - This incident is still under investigation.

Executive Session